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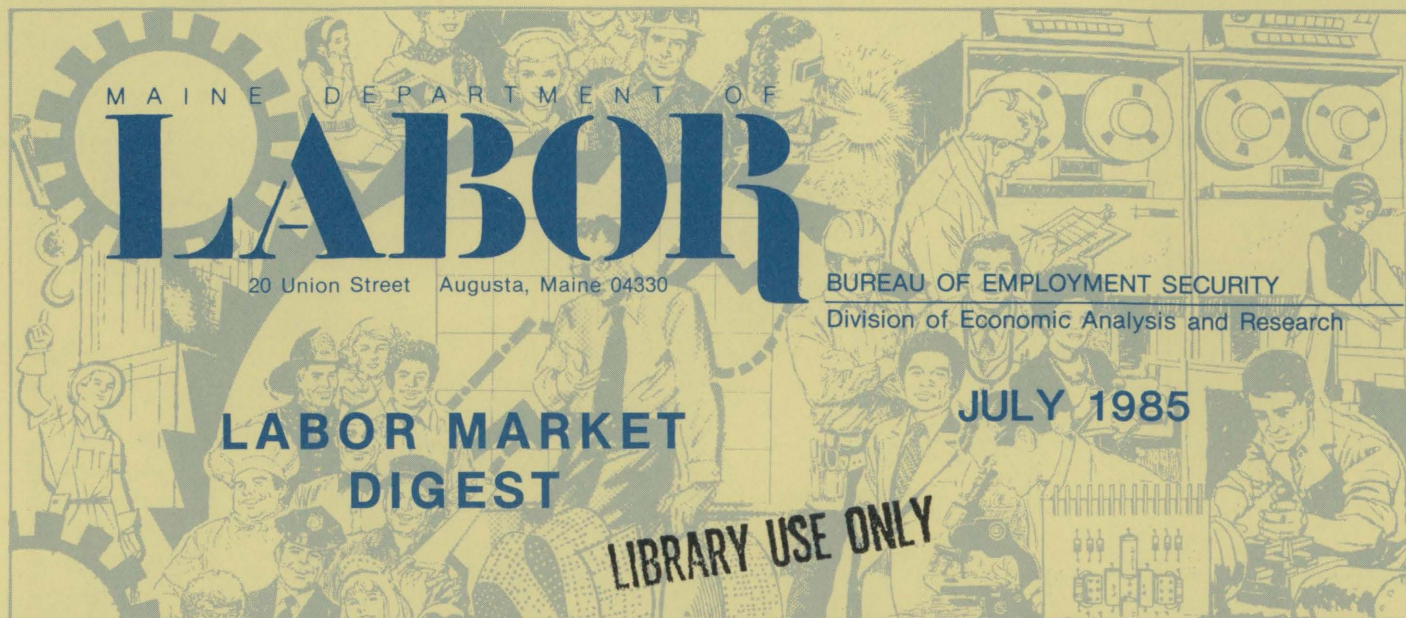
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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

RATE OF SELF-EMPLOYMENT ABOVE AVERAGE IN MAINE

DURING 1984, ABOUT 7.1 PERCENT OR 439,000 OF ALL EMPLOYED NEW ENGLANDERS WERE CLASSIFIED AS SELF-EMPLOYED, ACCORDING TO THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS IN BOSTON. REGIONAL RATES OF SELF-EMPLOYMENT WERE LOWER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE RATES FOR BOTH AGRICULTURAL AND NONAGRICULTURAL WORKERS. NATIONALLY, 8.9 PERCENT OF ALL EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS WERE SELF-EMPLOYED DURING 1984. THESE DATA, AS WELL AS OTHER LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR STATES AND MAJOR METROPOLITAN AREAS, ARE AVAILABLE ANNUALLY FROM THE CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY.

WORKERS WERE FAR MORE LIKELY TO BE SELF-EMPLOYED IN THE THREE NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND STATES THAN IN THE THREE SOUTHERN STATES. IN 1984, TWO NEW ENGLAND STATES, MAINE AND VERMONT, HAD WELL-ABOVE-AVERAGE NUMBERS OF INDIVIDUALS IN BUSINESS FOR THEMSELVES. IN MAINE, WHICH HAD THE HIGHEST RATE IN THE REGION, 11.2 PERCENT OF ALL EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS WERE CLASSIFIED AS SELF-EMPLOYED. IN VERMONT, 10.6 PERCENT OF THOSE EMPLOYED DURING 1984 WERE SELF-EMPLOYED, WHILE NEW HAMPSHIRE'S 9.0 PERCENT RATE WAS ABOUT EQUAL TO THE 8.9 PERCENT NATIONAL AVERAGE. THE PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, AND RHODE ISLAND WHO WERE SELF-EMPLOYED--6.3, 6.3 AND 5.8 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY--WAS WELL BELOW THE U.S. AVERAGE.

AS EXPECTED, A MUCH LARGER PERCENTAGE OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS THAN NONAGRICULTURAL WORKERS ARE SELF-EMPLOYED. NATIONALLY, ABOUT 47 PERCENT OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS WERE SELF-EMPLOYED, WHILE REGIONALLY THE PERCENTAGE WAS MUCH LOWER WITH ONLY ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF TOTAL AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT CLASSIFIED AS SELF-EMPLOYED DURING 1984. HOWEVER, ONLY 3.2 PERCENT OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IN THE U.S., AND 1.0 PERCENT IN NEW ENGLAND, IS IN AGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS. THE SELF-EMPLOYMENT RATES FOR NONAGRICULTURAL WORKERS ARE MUCH LOWER--7.7 PERCENT NATIONALLY AND 6.7 PERCENT IN THE REGION DURING 1984. MAINE, WITH 10.6 PERCENT OF NONAGRICULTURAL WORKERS SELF-EMPLOYED LAST YEAR, LED THE REGION IN THIS CATEGORY. VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE ALSO HAD ABOVE-AVERAGE PERCENTAGES OF WORKERS IN BUSINESS FOR THEMSELVES AT 9.4 AND 8.5 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY. EVEN AMONG NONAGRICULTURAL WORKERS, THE THREE SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND STATES OF MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, AND RHODE ISLAND RECORDED SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER RATES OF SELF-EMPLOYMENT THAN THE THREE NORTHERN STATES AND THE NATION.

ALTHOUGH DETAILED HISTORICAL DATA ON THE SELF-EMPLOYED FOR THE NEW ENGLAND STATES IS NOT AVAILABLE, NATIONAL DATA INDICATES THAT A STEADY UPWARD TREND IN THE NUMBER OF SELF-EMPLOYED WORKERS BEGAN AROUND 1970. BETWEEN 1976 AND 1984, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SELF-EMPLOYED AMERICANS INCREASED BY NEARLY 25 PERCENT. ALL OF THIS INCREASE TOOK PLACE IN NONAGRICULTURAL SELF-EMPLOYMENT. DURING THE SAME TIME PERIOD, TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN THE NATION INCREASED BY LESS THAN 19 PERCENT.

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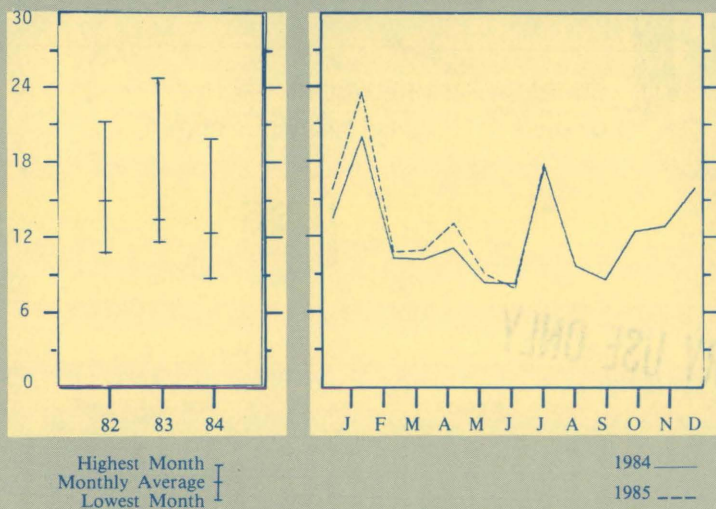
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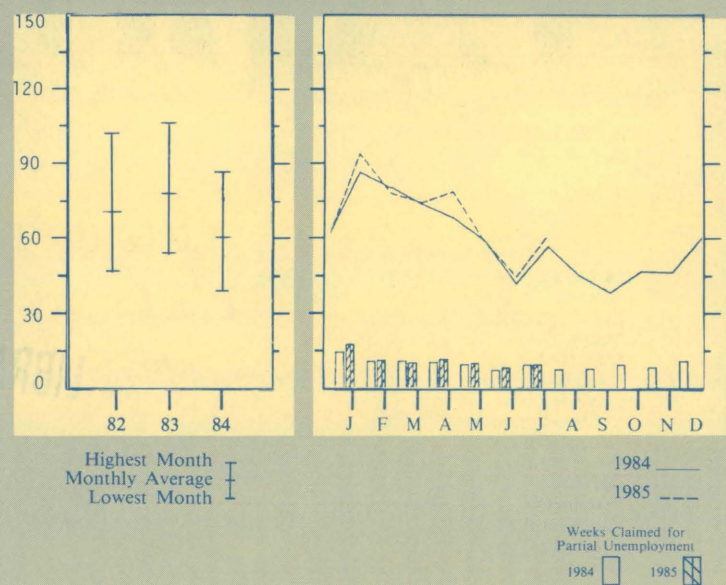
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UI Initial Claims in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed in Thousands



PERCENT OF TOTAL EMPLOYED WHO WERE SELF-EMPLOYED, NEW ENGLAND STATES AND UNITED STATES--1984 ANNUAL AVERAGES

STATE	TOTAL EMPLOYED (IN THOUSANDS)	PERCENT SELF-EMPLOYED
CONNECTICUT.....	1,595	6.3%
MAINE.....	518	11.2
MASSACHUSETTS.....	2,905	6.3
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	498	9.0
RHODE ISLAND.....	463	5.8
VERMONT.....	255	10.6
NEW ENGLAND.....	6,237	7.1
UNITED STATES.....	105,005	8.9

PERCENT OF TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYED WHO WERE SELF-EMPLOYED, NEW ENGLAND STATES AND UNITED STATES--1984 ANNUAL AVERAGES

STATE	TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	PERCENT SELF-EMPLOYED
CONNECTICUT.....	1,581	6.1%
MAINE.....	509	10.6
MASSACHUSETTS.....	2,879	6.1
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	492	8.5
RHODE ISLAND.....	460	5.7
VERMONT.....	245	9.4
NEW ENGLAND.....	6,167	6.7
UNITED STATES.....	101,685	7.7

SOURCE: AN AUGUST 9, 1985 NEWS RELEASE ENTITLED "7.1 PERCENT OF NEW ENGLANDERS SELF-EMPLOYED IN 1984, COMPARED TO 8.9 PERCENT NATIONWIDE" PUBLISHED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, BOSTON REGIONAL OFFICE.



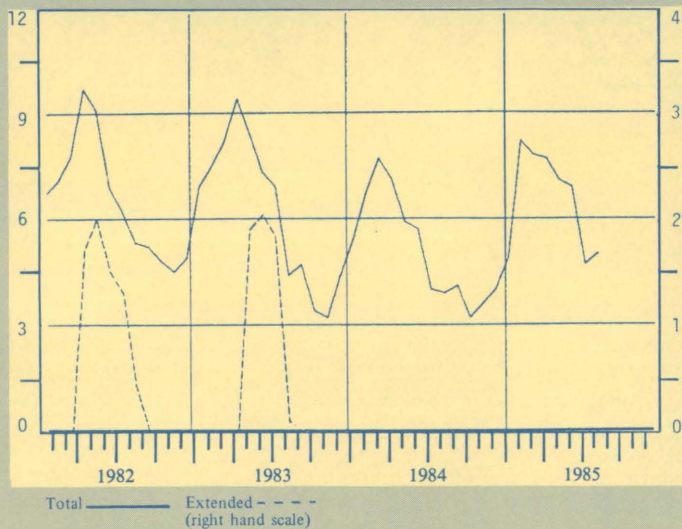
Selected Employment Security Activities



UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

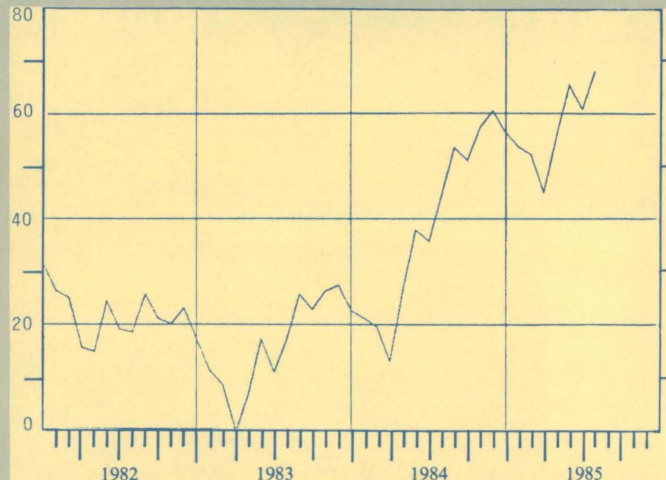
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation

Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



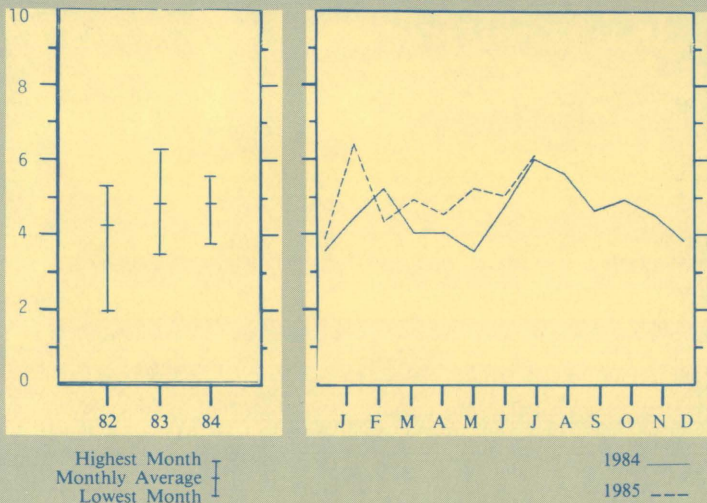
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment ^{1/}	462.6	463.5	459.3	106.8	107.1	103.9	36.1	37.1	34.9
Total Manufacturing	99.0	107.7	107.4	15.6	16.7	16.1	9.9	11.2	10.2
Durable Goods	39.4	44.4	44.5	7.3	8.1	7.7	2.6	2.6	2.3
Lumber and Wood Products ^{2/}	13.7	13.4	14.0	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.7	3.9	3.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.6
Machinery, except Electrical	4.0	4.1	4.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	9.8	9.8	9.3	3.2	3.3	3.3	0.9	0.9	0.9
Transportation Equipment	4.9	9.5	9.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other Durable Goods ^{3/}	3.3	3.7	3.5	0.6	1.2	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	59.6	63.3	62.9	8.3	8.6	8.4	7.3	8.6	7.9
Food and Kindred Products	8.3	8.2	8.1	1.9	2.0	1.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
Textile Mill Products	5.8	6.8	5.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.1	1.4	1.1
Apparel	3.7	4.3	4.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	18.3	18.2	18.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.7	0.8	0.8
Printing and Publishing	4.7	4.8	4.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	4.3	4.4	4.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.7	2.0	1.8
Leather and Leather Products	13.2	15.2	16.4	1.5	1.7	1.6	2.3	2.9	2.7
Footwear (except Rubber)	11.0	12.5	13.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	2.3	2.3
Other Leather Products	2.2	2.7	3.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.4	0.6	0.4
Other Nondurable Goods ^{4/}	1.3	1.4	1.3	4.9	4.9	4.9	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	363.6	355.8	351.9	91.2	90.4	87.8	26.2	25.9	24.7
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	*	*	*	0.0	0.0	*
Contract Construction	24.2	23.3	22.5	6.2	5.1	5.5	1.7	1.6	1.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	20.2	20.0	20.0	5.9	5.8	5.8	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	20.9	20.8	21.0	8.0	8.0	7.9	2.1	2.1	1.9
Retail Trade	93.5	90.0	90.5	23.0	22.3	22.6	6.7	6.6	6.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	21.0	20.8	20.0	9.4	9.4	8.9	1.8	1.8	1.8
Services	103.2	96.3	98.8	25.6	24.9	24.7	9.2	8.9	8.3
Government	80.4	84.4	78.9	13.1	13.9	12.4	3.3	3.5	3.2
Federal	18.7	18.5	18.5	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local ^{5/}	61.7	65.9	60.4	11.4	12.2	10.7	3.0	3.2	2.9
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	4.6	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

^{1/}Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. ^{2/}Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. ^{3/}Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. ^{4/}Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. ^{5/}Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100. (d) Nondisclosure item.

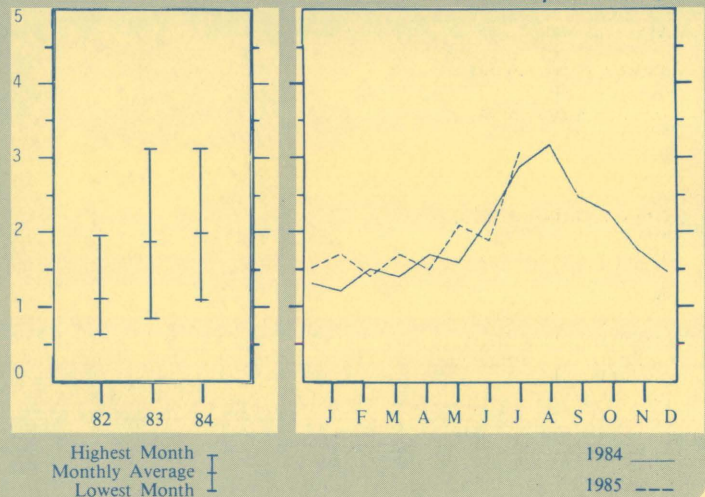
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New Applications For Work in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1984	1983	1982
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	\$329.65	\$334.06	\$323.95	40.3	40.2	39.7	\$ 8.18	\$ 8.31	\$ 8.16	\$ 8.05	\$ 7.61	\$ 7.22
Durable Goods	316.74	337.31	329.97	40.4	40.3	39.9	7.84	8.37	8.27	8.22	8.04	7.59
Lumber and Wood Products	336.19	312.07	316.31	40.8	40.9	40.5	8.24	7.63	7.81	7.57	7.37	6.87
Primary and Fabricated Metals	326.03	322.58	301.75	40.4	39.1	38.1	8.07	8.25	7.92	7.89	7.75	7.62
Machinery, except Electrical	366.22	375.90	371.39	40.2	42.0	42.3	9.11	8.95	8.78	8.36	8.08	7.52
Electrical and Electronic Equipment ..	282.73	301.32	293.76	37.9	39.7	38.3	7.46	7.59	7.67	7.56	7.27	6.74
Other Durable Goods	290.43	383.27	368.23	42.9	39.8	40.2	6.77	9.63	9.16	9.51	9.31	8.84
Nondurable Goods	337.68	332.45	319.56	40.2	40.2	39.5	8.40	8.27	8.09	7.95	7.37	7.00
Food and Kindred Products	246.65	249.08	232.46	38.3	36.9	34.8	6.44	6.75	6.68	6.46	6.10	5.84
Textile Mill Products	266.11	274.98	233.78	39.6	41.6	40.1	6.72	6.61	5.83	6.13	5.87	5.49
Apparel	222.83	201.58	195.83	39.3	34.4	35.8	5.67	5.86	5.47	5.55	5.39	5.23
Paper and Allied Products	532.84	532.80	513.04	44.0	44.4	44.0	12.11	12.00	11.66	11.62	10.95	10.10
Leather and Leather Products	226.13	224.96	216.50	37.5	38.0	37.2	6.03	5.92	5.82	5.80	5.59	5.46
Other Nondurable Goods	294.03	296.80	279.66	39.1	40.0	39.5	7.52	7.42	7.08	7.11	6.60	6.23
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	333.49	346.82	315.70	38.2	39.1	38.5	8.73	8.87	8.20	8.08	7.67	7.19
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	271.04	267.47	262.25	39.8	40.1	39.2	6.81	6.67	6.69	6.58	6.16	5.96

Female Labor Force in Maine in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	253.2	251.7	248.8
Unemployed	17.9	15.3	22.4
(Percent)	7.1%	6.1%	9.0%
Resident Employed	235.3	236.4	226.3

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	322.8	322.3	311.7	315.5
Percent Change for Past Month			+0.2%	
Percent Change from Last December			+2.3%	
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago			+3.6%	

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment in Thousands

AREA <u>1/</u>	LABOR FORCE <u>2/</u>			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE- Statewide	581.8	578.3	579.9	549.4	549.7	539.6	32.4	28.6	40.3	5.6	4.9	6.9
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	48,200	48,000	47,000	46,100	46,100	44,500	2,100	1,900	2,500	4.4	4.0	5.3
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	43,000	43,000	42,900	39,400	40,400	38,100	3,600	2,600	4,800	8.4	6.0	11.2
Portland MSA	109,600	109,700	107,200	105,800	106,600	102,800	3,800	3,100	4,400	3.5	2.8	4.1
Portsmouth-Dover- Rochester MSA <u>3/</u>	114,180	109,770	108,450	107,350	104,990	99,480	6,830	4,780	8,970	6.0	4.4	8.3
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	31,850	31,960	32,450	30,130	30,520	30,140	1,720	1,440	2,310	5.4	4.5	7.1
Bath-Brunswick	26,120	26,260	27,630	24,870	25,260	26,180	1,250	1,000	1,450	4.8	3.8	5.2
Belfast	11,650	11,380	11,940	10,370	10,360	10,540	1,280	1,020	1,400	11.0	9.0	11.7
Biddeford	26,810	26,690	25,220	25,090	25,610	22,850	1,720	1,080	2,370	6.4	4.0	9.4
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset .	11,050	10,520	10,870	10,640	10,100	10,360	410	420	510	3.7	4.0	4.7
Calais-Eastport	16,220	16,090	16,840	15,160	14,880	15,490	1,060	1,210	1,350	6.5	7.5	8.0
Caribou-Presque Isle	23,090	22,780	22,670	21,350	21,040	20,060	1,740	1,740	2,610	7.5	7.6	11.5
Central Penobscot	4,710	4,630	4,470	4,460	4,380	4,230	250	250	240	5.3	5.4	5.4
Dover-Foxcroft	6,800	6,810	7,050	6,350	6,480	6,350	450	330	700	6.6	4.8	9.9
Ellsworth	26,680	25,050	27,090	25,650	23,950	25,880	1,030	1,100	1,210	3.9	4.4	4.5
Farmington	12,790	12,640	13,660	11,730	11,530	12,510	1,060	1,110	1,150	8.3	8.8	8.4
Fort Kent-Allagash	6,630	7,000	6,520	6,120	6,220	6,020	510	780	500	7.7	11.1	7.7
Greenville	1,680	1,700	1,740	1,590	1,590	1,610	90	110	130	5.4	6.5	7.5
Houlton	6,230	6,220	5,710	5,780	5,810	5,220	450	410	490	7.2	6.6	8.6
Kittery-York <u>3/</u>	25,250	25,090	23,310	24,840	24,790	22,610	410	300	700	1.6	1.2	3.0
Lincoln-Howland	6,560	6,510	6,370	6,150	6,140	5,980	410	370	390	6.3	5.7	6.1
Livermore Falls	3,600	3,690	4,120	3,240	3,340	3,560	360	350	560	10.0	9.5	13.6
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,590	4,860	4,640	4,310	4,500	4,260	280	360	380	6.1	7.4	8.2
Millinocket-East Millinocket .	5,770	5,850	5,660	5,570	5,580	5,450	200	270	210	3.5	4.6	3.7
Norway-Paris	9,670	9,610	10,160	8,960	8,960	9,150	710	650	1,010	7.3	6.8	9.9
Patten-Island Falls	3,170	3,100	2,790	3,020	2,910	2,650	150	190	140	4.7	6.1	5.0
Rockland	19,680	19,530	20,420	18,800	18,630	19,330	880	900	1,090	4.5	4.6	5.3
Rumford	10,210	10,120	10,100	9,510	9,420	9,200	700	700	900	6.9	6.9	8.9
Sanford	13,610	13,780	13,610	12,460	12,730	12,610	1,150	1,050	1,000	8.4	7.6	7.3
Sebang Lakes Region	12,180	10,640	11,960	11,720	10,230	11,390	460	410	570	3.8	3.9	4.8
Skowhegan	22,740	23,520	24,320	20,650	21,850	21,850	2,090	1,670	2,470	9.2	7.1	10.2
Southwest Penobscot	9,070	8,970	8,670	8,040	8,220	7,250	1,030	750	1,420	11.4	8.4	16.4
Waterville	22,760	22,760	22,940	21,580	21,650	21,570	1,180	1,110	1,370	5.2	4.9	6.0
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,732.2	1,683.4	n/a	1,641.7	1,609.7	n/a	90.5	73.6	n/a	5.2	4.4
Massachusetts	3,127.0	3,139.0	3,093.8	2,993.0	3,016.0	2,959.5	134.0	123.0	134.3	4.3	3.9	4.3
New Hampshire	551.9	543.2	531.3	523.8	519.1	502.8	28.1	24.1	28.5	5.1	4.4	5.4
Rhode Island	504.0	503.4	492.3	475.6	477.0	458.7	28.4	26.4	33.6	5.6	5.2	6.8
Vermont	274.5	272.2	273.3	261.2	258.9	260.0	13.4	13.3	13.2	4.9	4.9	4.8
NEW ENGLAND STATES ...	n/a	6,190.0	6,073.9	n/a	5,912.7	5,790.7	n/a	277.3	283.2	n/a	4.5	4.7
UNITED STATES <u>4/</u>	117,536	116,572	116,198	108,854	107,819	107,484	8,682	8,753	8,714	7.4	7.5	7.5

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

THESE DATA ARE COMPILED BY THE MAINE BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partial)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	13,204	9,148	15,186	1,387	922	1,227	1,921	907	2,595
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.9	2.1	3.4	1.5	1.0	1.4	5.5	2.6	7.5

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM ¹/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	7.9	8.6	10.9
Clerical and Sales	17.6	18.0	20.3
Service	10.0	9.6	11.9
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.9	3.5	1.9
Processing	4.6	5.6	4.8
Machine Trades	16.2	13.0	13.2
Benchwork	18.9	15.8	10.2
Structural Work	10.2	11.9	13.8
Miscellaneous	12.7	14.0	13.0

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	57.6	58.2	56.2
Under 22	7.0	6.0	6.2
22-24	9.6	9.8	10.1
25-34	29.4	30.8	29.3
35-39	11.6	11.6	10.6
Total 40 and Over	42.4	41.8	43.8
40-44	8.6	8.9	7.9
45-54	12.1	12.9	14.0
55-64	10.1	10.8	11.2
65 and Over	11.6	9.2	10.7

¹/Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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